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COMMISSION APPROVES \$1 MILLION JAIL PROJECT FOR COUNTY

The Coffee County Commission met in Emergency Session in Enterprise last Friday, and after much discussion voted to construct a new county jail in Elba.

Present at the session were commissioners O. V. Waters, Flournoy Whitman, Bonnie Beckham, Don Smith, Byron Galloway and Probate Judge James Sawyer.

After making a statement concerning the current property reappraisal program (see related article), the Commission met with Elba City Clerk Jack Prescott and Elba Mayor Pro-Tem Charles Ellis.

Ellis told the commissioners "the condition of the County jail is very bad. There is extreme overcrowding and hardened criminals are being placed in cells with youthful offenders." After reminding the commissioners of the Public Works Employment Act (which provides federal funds for capital outlay projects in an effort to reduce unemployment), Ellis informed the commission that the Elba City Council had voted to donate City property to the county on which a jail could be constructed. Ellis added, "Elba wishes for the jail to remain in the City, and will offer three sites to the county on which a new jail may be constructed. The County may inspect the sites, and can have their pick of the one they wish to use. The City will give the land to the County at absolutely no cost."

Commissioner Byron Galloway immediately voiced his approval of building a new jail in Elba, if the sites met specifications.

After Ellis and Prescott left the meeting, a round-table type discussion began, with several members expressing their opinion.

Commissioner Bonnie Beckham urged the fellow members to take their time and carefully study the proposal. "We need to make sure the sites are acceptable before we decide anything," warned Beckham.

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The Commission discussed the matter, and decided that something should be done while federal funds are available. The commissioners then recessed for lunch, and instructed Sawyer to get the county attorney and sheriff to be present at the afternoon session.

The primary objective of the afternoon session was to decide where to build the new jail.

Judge Sawyer opened the session by asking Sheriff Neil Grantham for his opinion on the location of the new jail. "I don't care where a new jail is built, as long as we get one," exclaimed Grantham. "The present jail will be condemned sooner or later, so a new jail must be built."

Next to address the Commission was Mr. Joe Pittman, Enterprise City Attorney. Pittman told the gathering the people of Coffee County had voted that Enterprise should have a courthouse and jail at a point later questioned by Commissioner Whitman.

Continuing, Pittman said, "The State code clearly states each courthouse shall have a jail." Pittman gave two reasons why a jail should be built in Enterprise.

(1) The law dictates that a jail be built for the Enterprise courthouse, and

(2) Out of need. A majority of the prisoners come from the Enterprise district, so the Enterprise prisoners out of the jail in Elba there would be no overcrowding."

O. V. Waters was next to speak, and the outgoing County official also spoke in favor of building a new jail in Elba.

"Enterprise had a jail and closed it," said Waters, "and they had a road camp and petitioned the governor to close it. Why give Enterprise a new jail when they closed the one they had?"

Judge Sawyer expressed an opinion that the jail was never legally closed, but had simply quit being used.

Commissioner Flournoy Whitman echoed Grantham's feelings that the Health Dept. could close the Elba jail at any time, and said, "Something must be done now, before they condemn the jail. Then we'll really have a problem."

Whitman brought up the same points mentioned by Waters about the City closing their penal facilities.

"Enterprise had a jail and quit using it," said Whitman, "it was never officially closed. The people here never tried to re-open it, but now that we decide to build a new jail, all of a sudden they want it."

Whitman added he didn't want to put a burden on the women of Enterprise by constructing a jail in the city limits.

In closing, Mr. Whitman said he would vote to apply for the money, and vote to construct the jail in Elba.

Don Smith expressed concern over the legality of building a jail in Elba.

"I feel we have to go by the law, and that leaves us only one choice," said Smith, "that we build the jail in Enterprise." Smith suggested trying to get funds to build two jails.

Bonnie Beckham clearly stated his opinion. "I'm not against Elba having a new jail, but I would not vote against building the new jail in Elba," said Beckham. "However, I don't want to do something that would be in violation of the law."

O. V. Waters spoke next, and summed up his feelings by saying, "The money is available. I think we should get it for the good of the County. I also feel the new jail should be built in the county seat which is Elba."

Before voting, Judge Sawyer made one final attempt to delay building a jail until the courthouse matter is settled.

"I am for one operation," repeated Sawyer, "and by building a new jail in Elba, I'm afraid the division between the Elba district and Enterprise district will widen. I urge you to settle the courthouse problem before you ignore Sawyer's attempt to delay the action on a jail. Commissioner Byron Galloway made a motion to make an application for federal funds to build a new jail at the county seat in Elba. Commissioner O. V. Waters seconded the motion, and a vote was taken. Yelling in favor of the motion were Commissioners Galloway, Waters and Whitman. There were no dissenting votes, however, Commissioners Smith and Beckham did abstain. The motion was passed.

Beckham next made a motion to make an application for federal funds to build a livestock arena in New Brockton at the Farm Center. Mr. Waters seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Whitman stated that due to the competitive nature involved in getting the funds an architect should be named immediately so the application could be completed.

Whitman made a motion to secure the services of Donato & Associates of Dothan, architects for the new jail. Galloway seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0. Smith again abstained from voting.

Whitman next made a motion to secure Gerald Wilcox as architect for the livestock arena. Beckham seconded the motion, and it also passed unanimously.

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The activities surrounding the selection of a jail site in Coffee County have been jumping for the past week. The uprising at the jail last Tuesday night could be considered the starting point. Thursday morning a special meeting of the commissioners was held to discuss the garbage situation in the county. When this matter was finished the commissioners began discussing the urgent need to proceed with plans for use of the money to be released under the Public Works Bill.

It soon became apparent that some informal discussions had taken place already as the Probate Judge noted he had discussed the matter with the District Attorney, who was present at this part of the meeting, and the County attorney, Braxton Rowe, had notes on a legal pad concerning the 1908 law concerning the two courthouses in Coffee County.

No decision was reached at this meeting, but the group left with the understanding that the chairman would call the group together as soon as possible.

After the Friday meeting, reported in detail on this page, the "Daily Ledger" in Enterprise carried several articles strongly opposing this action. The Enterprise City Council was reportedly planning a strong resolution opposing the matter, but in fact passed a resolution calling for new courthouses and jail facilities in both Elba and Enterprise.

In a telephone conversation Wednesday, Enterprise Council President John Lester stressed that the Enterprise City Council wanted harmony in Coffee County. He said Coffee County was not de-

signed for one courthouse and he felt the people wanted the courthouses facilities placed at their convenience.

Lester said that with the re-assessment increases on property, he felt the additional money would be enough to cover bond repayment to build new facilities in both Elba and Enterprise. When asked about the move to build one courthouse, he acknowledged that there was an element which wanted this, but when the discussion turned to the location, several different ideas cropped up, making the problem unsolvable.

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JAIL PLANS MOVING FAST

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COLLIER RESIGNS FROM SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Sam Collier, dean of the Elba City School Board, resigned from the board at the end of his monthly meeting, Tuesday night. The meeting had been postponed from the regularly scheduled time last Thursday. Collier stated to the board that he had mailed his resignation to the Elba City Council that afternoon and had mailed a copy to Superintendent Elmer Taylor.

In other business the Board approved the use of the Army surplus bus by the City to transport people to and from the food service program.

Taylor recommended and the board approved the employment of Elaine Russell and Vicki Taylor in Special Education at the Middle School and the Jr. High respectively. Also approved were four aides, Theima Johnson, Frank Phillips, Carolyn Westbrook, and Leo Brown. Taylor said these should have been approved earlier, but he had overlooked the matter.

Liability insurance on the school buses was discussed and Taylor told the board members that the existing insurance would double to over \$1600 and the company didn't even want to write the coverage. The board instructed Taylor to get the best insurance possible and not wait until the next meeting for approval.

Taylor also reported that better insurance for the football players had been secured.

A report was given on the kindergarten program and the board was told that due to an unusually large enrollment, an additional teacher was added, bringing the total classes to five plus a day care class.

Enrollment in the Elba school system is down about 21 students according to information given to the Board members.

The final two items of business were presented by Collier just before he resigned. The first was a motion for the school board to consider cleaning the state on the athletic budget during the next budget year. The board has been informed in the past that for several years the athletic fund had been going deeper and deeper.

CB CLUB TO MEET ON SATURDAY NIGHT

The Elba CB Club will meet Saturday, September 11 at 7 p.m. in the Elba Pool Building. Plans will be made to help open-heart surgery patients.

Coach Supplement Is Again Headlines

City Councilman John W. Sharpless called to the attention of THE ELBA CLIPPER this week that there was a move underway to pay what amounts to a "coaches supplement" to Elba football coach Mac Champion from city tax funds. This was attempted without public knowledge, is what upset Sharpless. A few minutes of research reveals that the project was (s)underway but that no money has changed hands nor has Coach Champion discussed his duties with city officials nor agreed to any of the terms, according to City Clerk Jack Prescott.

There is a letter on file at City Hall dated August 30, 1976, authorizing the payment of \$400 a month for three months to Mr. Mac Champion to "organize and supervise" the Little League Football and Little League Basketball. The names of all elected city officials are typed on the form but only Mayor Sam Sawyer has signed the form.

Sawyer said he approved the action after a majority of the councilmen expressed approval of the supplement. Sawyer added that it should not be kept from the taxpayers if it was to be done.

Councilman Charles Ellis and Bonnie Vaughan told THE ELBA CLIPPER that even though they had not signed the form they would do so. Ellis defended the action by saying the City has always supplemented the football coaches with summer work and that a survey he conducted revealed that other South Alabama towns were paying coaches far more than Elba.

Councilman Ben Carpenter refused to sign the form, according to information received by this newspaper. Also indicating are that Councilmen Sharpless and Virgil Coleman were not supposed to ever see the letter. It was presented to Sharpless by a city employee who thought he was following instructions. Coleman has not been informed of the matter, according to several sources. He was out of town Wednesday morning and was unavailable for comment.

Sharpless said he was very much opposed to the way this fit to the end. He said that if the majority of the council wanted to hire a football coach to help with the summer recreation program and do it in an open council meeting he would support the action, but would have no part in anything like this that is done without the taxpayers knowledge.

THE ELBA CLIPPER has asked several councilmen WHY like this? and no real answer has been given yet.

City Clerk Jack Prescott stated Wednesday morning that when the matter was brought to his attention, he asked for the written instructions signed by the entire council before he issued any checks. He acknowledged that the Mayor could instruct him to issue the check, since he is the boss and that a majority of the council could pass a motion to that end but under the circumstances he would not and would not issue checks on the city without written authorization.

Again, the uproar Wednesday was not over supplementing any coach, but over the way it was attempted.

COUNCIL PLANS GRANT PROJECTS

The Elba City Council met Tuesday night with all members present. City Clerk Jack Prescott read the minutes of the last regular meeting and the special meeting of September 6.

The first item of business was to hear a report from Mrs. Mary Flowers, director of the Elba Housing Authority. She reported to the council that Elba had been given title to a number of the old 235 program houses in the area which has been repossessed. These houses will be rented to the public by the Authority, using the same yardstick for rents as used on the apartment units being rented. Some of these units are three bedroom and some are four bedroom. Others will become available from time to time and will not be turned over to the Authority until any necessary repairs have been made to the houses.

This information was received by Mrs. Flowers several weeks ago but she requested that nothing be published until she showed the city council the courtesy of informing them of the action. She said the council encouraged her office to ask for these houses several years ago and felt they should get the word from her instead of the newspaper.

A lengthy discussion with engineers and planners on projects for possible funding under the Public Works Bill involved the council for some time. In the end decisions were made to proceed with plans for a new library, expansion of the recreation park at Legion Field and renewal of the Pea River Dam project, plus an extensive drainage plan for the old Weaver Dam Creek bed and the Mulberry Heights area.

Also long range plans were discussed for developing a master plan for improving drainage in all parts of Elba.

The planned hearing on placing the new medical clinic in front of the hospital was conducted as advertised. Mr. Robert Cooper was again present and voiced his disapproval. Cooper said that the ladies who attended the meeting with him before didn't agree with his idea of dropping the matter but he said, "I will not proceed any further." Cooper continued with, "We don't agree with the way this was done and are concerned with future development."

There was no further discussion and a motion to allow the building was approved unanimously.

The councilmen voiced support of the commissioners in their efforts to build a new jail and the city clerk was instructed to offer the Commission any help necessary on this project.

Parking in front of the high school was discussed and the matter tabled until the next meeting.

Increased health insurance rates on the City's group policy were discussed and will be studied further. Councilman Ellis noted that the present policy was lacking in coverage but others questioned if the additional coverage might be too high.

Discussion on hiring a street superintendent was tabled until the next meeting.

Bids were opened on a weed cutter. Two bids on the heavy duty needed were offered. The council voted that if Elba Tractor Co. would match the \$688 bid of another firm, the purchase would be made locally. Following this action the meeting was adjourned.



Legion Presents Check To Rescue Squad

FLOYD MORROW (RT), OF THE AMERICAN LEGION PRESENTS CHECK TO BILL WALDON WHO IS REPRESENTING THE ELBA RESCUE SQUAD.

Commissioners Get Flak On Reappraisal

The Coffee County Commission released a statement last week in which they made it clear that they did not initiate the recent property re-appraisal program.

Probate Judge James L. Sawyer said, "we want all the people to know that the property reappraisal program came about by a Federal Court Order and an act of the Alabama Legislature. The reappraisal is statewide, not just in Coffee County."

Sawyer noted that Act 160 of the Alabama Legislature ruled all counties must inspect and have properly reappraised at its fair and reasonable market value.

The commissioners felt they needed to let the public know that they didn't start the program, they merely complied with the law.

If any citizens feel their reappraisal is too high they may appeal to the Equalization Board, which will be formed in a few weeks. The Board will be made up of three county residents who will hear all complaints. Complaints may also be aired at the Farm Center until September 10.

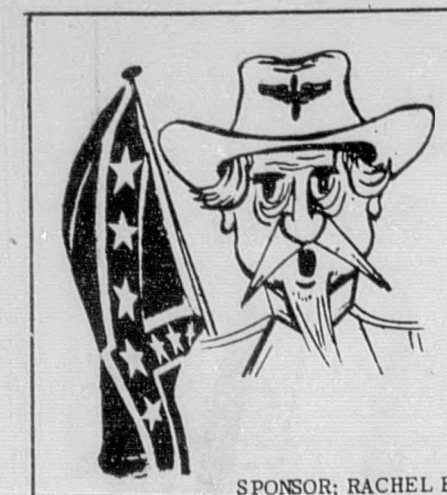
BE SURE TO VOTE TUESDAY

Jake Bonneau Wins Perry Finder C.B. Radio

Perry Finder chooses the winning ticket for the CB half. Pictured with the CB outfit is Mr. Jake Bonneau of Elba, whose name was drawn by Perry.



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1976-77 Zion Chapel Varsity Cheerleaders

L-R: Patty Nelson, Denise Fuller, Brenda Betsold, Max Youngblood, Glenda Bedsole, Captain. Not pictured: Teresa Lott.



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

Denise Fuller, President, Lia Lowery, Vice-President, and Jackie Carter, Secretary-Treasurer.

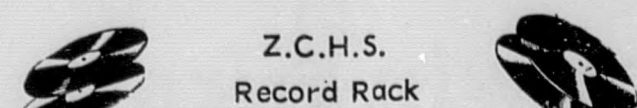
Meet Coach
Jo Ann Lindsey

The Rebel News is pleased to introduce to you Mrs. Jo Ann Lindsey, who spends her spare time coaching the cheerleaders. Jo Ann, a senior at Troy State, is the wife of our basketball coach, Mike Lindsey. She has done a tremendous job of teaching new cheerleaders, making uniforms, and doing anyone of a thousand things required of a cheerleader sponsor. We at Zion Chapel are very proud that she and her husband have come to live and work at Zion Chapel.

Mrs. Lindsey



Both tennis and golf—those two popular American sports—were hardly heard of a hundred years ago. Tennis was brought to the United States in 1874, and the first golf course in America was laid out in 1888.

EDITOR OF THE WEEK
STEVE REEDER

Disco Duck - Denise Fuller
One is a Lonely Number - Denise Fuller
Do the Hustle - Football Team
Shake Your Booty - Marty and her warts
Get Up and Boogie - Tim Wambles
Don't Go Breaking My Heart - Herman and Vickie
Play that Funky Music - Ray-von Boyd

You're Still the One - Cindy and Tim
Take the Money and Run - Houston Academy
Happy Days - Seniors of '77
Boogie Fever - Cindy Bogar
Slow Ride - bus drivers
Come On Over - the new faces at Z.C.
What's the Use in Breaking Up? - Sherry and Tracy
Shower the People - P. E. Classes

COACH GRANT RETURNS TO ZION CHAPEL

Zion Chapel has a new teacher, but he's not really new. Cause he has been hanging around these parts for over 23 years and he even went to Zion Chapel and played football. Coach Grant still plays football every now and then. Why, just the other day he was kicking around the old pig skin. But the thing about it was that the pig was still in his skin so he wound up pulling some ligaments or something like that. That's what he told us anyhow.

All of Coach Grant's brothers attended Zion Chapel. All of them participated in some type of sport and did a very good job of it. We now have only one Grant left, a girl, Sandra, who is now a freshman.

Coach Grant graduated in 1971. Before he left us he quarterbacked the 1970 Rebel Football Team to the state playoffs, the first Rebel Team ever to go to the state playoffs. After he graduated from high school, Coach Grant went to Troy State where he received a BS degree with a major in Biology and a minor in P. E. Coach Grant has now returned

COACH GRANT

home to us where he says he has found many changes. The school is much larger than when he graduated but he seems to be very pleased with the way he has found things.



DANNY RUSHING

THERESA JINRIGHT

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Nancy Helms

Named Yearbook Editor

As a new year rolls around so do the bosses, and this year the yearbook has its boss Nancy Helms. Nancy and the staff have been working very hard selling ads and preparing for the yearbook. Nancy asks that every student at Zion Chapel consider purchasing a yearbook when they go on sale. She says that REBEL77 will be the best ever!



NANCY HELMS



The world's record for non-stop seasawing is 101 hours, set by two California boys in 1964!

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VIEWS FROM THE

PRESSBOX

BY RICKY MULARZ

SPORTS EDITOR

TIGERS SHUTOUT BY GENEVA

Lightning may not strike twice, but last Friday night it struck the Elba Tigers for the third straight time! Geneva's 17-0 victory over Elba marked the third consecutive year that the Panthers have shut out Elba. Back in 1974 the score was 25-0, in 1975 it turned out 7-0, and of course Friday night it was 17-0. Elba and Geneva are in the same region, and that means we must play them every year. If we're ever going to make the state playoffs we've got to beat Geneva. Oh well, maybe '77 will be the year we pulverize the Panthers.

Friday's game was played in the worst weather I've ever seen a football game contested in. I don't know which was the worst, the rain or the lightning. Nobody ever mugged me getting wet, but people have mugged after being struck by lightning. Several games were postponed due to the stormy weather, and at least one game was delayed until the storm subsided.

Personally, I think the refs did the right thing in keeping the game going. However, if the lightning would have gotten worse, I would have been the first to suggest it be stopped.

Now turning to the game - Before the game started I thought some rain might help Elba out. I was obviously wrong! The Tigers fumbled eight times and could never mount a sustained drive. The rain made it almost impossible to pass, and with Geneva's defense keying on the run, Elba simply couldn't have scored had they played all night.

Geneva did manage to complete a few passes, but it was their superior strength and size that made the difference. The bigger Panther linemen overpowered the Elba defenders at crucial times, and that led to the Geneva scores.

In closing I'd like to say that I'm sure that the players who didn't, we haven't changed our nicknames to the Golden Tigers. We have been wearing some gold jerseys borrowed from Straughn until ours arrive. Don't give up - maybe this week we'll be wearing those beautiful new uniforms.

PREP ROUNDUP

Enterprise was the only school in the county to win last week. But, man did they win! The Wildcats got their offense cranked up as they blasted Ozark 63-0. Enterprise's next two games are against Geneva and Andalusia. Maybe they should have saved some of those points for the next two games!

Zion Chapel still hasn't scored a point. The Rebels lost 26-0 last week, and have now been outscored 40-0 in their opening two games. One thing for sure - there ain't nowhere to go but up.

Kinston's losing streak reached 12 games when they were beaten by Houston Academy. Word from Bullock country is that Kinston's toughest games are behind them, and they're ready to win. I hope so!

Andalusia had quite a scare before pulling out a 21-6 win over W.A. Neal. After a scoreless first half, Andy used a fumble recovery to score a touchdown, and then pushed across two final quarter scores. Neal held Andalusia to only 6 first downs in the game, and almost pulled off a shocker!

It took Florida over four hours to beat Hartford 18-7. The game was scheduled to start at 7:30, but a driving rainstorm delayed the kickoff until 8:30. The first half was finally played, but the third quarter was delayed for 20 minutes due to lightning. With 49 seconds left in the third quarter, the lights went out, and it was one hour and 15 minutes later before they came back on. The game finally got over about 11:45 p.m. What a way to spend a Friday night!

PICKIN PICKINS
I came through on 22 of 25 picks for 88¢ correct last week to up my seasonal average to 82%. There are a lot of close games this week, but I'm sure my "Polish Power of Predicting" will again come through with flying colors.

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NEW BROCKTON - ARITON
The Gamecocks didn't impress me against Z.C., but I'm picking them to chalk up win No. 2, NEW BROCKTON 26 - ARITON 18.

ZION CHAPEL - HOUSTON ACADEMY
The Rebels haven't scored, the Raiders haven't been scored on. It'll be a long night for Zion Chapel. HOUSTON ACADEMY 28 - ZION CHAPEL 6.

GENEVA - ENTERPRISE
The Panthers almost pulled off an upset last year, but this season will be a different story. Win number 3 for the Cats. ENTERPRISE 31 - GENEVA 10.

OTHER PICKS:
W. S. Neal 13 - Opp 7
Headland 25 - Dale County 0
Ashford 16 - Rehoboth 6
Eufaula 27 - Valley 24
Brantley 28 - Dozier 0
Highland Home 8 - Red Level 6
Ft. Deposit 14 - McKenzie 12
Louisville 18 - Coffee Springs 8
Clio 20 - Long 19
Jeff Davis 24 - Dothan 14
Alex City 41 - Tuskegee 7
Selma 21 - Ozark 0
Lanett 17 - Tramp, Ga. 6
Smith Station 37 - Chavala 0
Atmore 20 - Greenville 6
Abbeville 28 - Columbia 6
Central 14 - Hardaway 0
Bridgeton 16 - Union Springs 15
T. R. Miller 7 - Monroe Co. 0
Samson 22 - Hartford 16
Straughn 20 - Goshen 6

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Jerry Parker is pictured holding three bass he caught last Sunday at Holly's pond. The biggestunker tipped the scales at 11-1/2 pounds, while the other two "little ones" weighed in at 7 and 2 pounds. Jerry was using Mack's Black worm when he lured the fish.

A.L. Carney of Rt. 5, Elba, holds 30-3/4 pounds of catfish he caught while fishing in the Crenshaw County pond. He was using wigglers for bait.

Mark Jacobs (r) and Dennis Lawford (l) hold a 6-1/2-pound bass that Mark caught while fishing in a private pond. Mark was using a brake back rebel.

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Sports

RIVER RAT

Thinking about Elba's loss to Geneva I ask myself the question: Would Elba have won or lost had it not been for the heavy rains? That will be answered only by their future games. It doesn't look good now.

Auburn and Alabama open on the road this weekend. Alabama should have little difficulty with Ole Miss, but Auburn will have its hands full with Arizona. A story is going around that all conference are weaker except the Southwest S.E.C. Watch for the big eight to fall the most.

My overall percentage fell to 723 after last week. I am going to stay with Elba as they battle Luverne this week.

ELBA 26 - LUVERNE 0
OTHER PICKS

Selma 27 - Ozark 0
Carver 20 - Lee 14
Jeff Davis 27 - Dothan 6
Enterprise 20 - Geneva 7
Lanett 27 - Auburn 6
Ashford 28 - Rehoboth 14
Headland 22 - Dale Co. 6
Atmore 23 - Greenville 0
Eufaula 22 - Valley 20
W. S. Neal 20 - Opp 13
Union Springs 8 - Brantley 7
Smith Station 42 - Chavala 0
Abbeville 27 - Columbia 0
Cottonwood 15 - Slocum 11
Wicksburg 13 - Daleville 0
Hartford 18 - Samson 12
Straughn 20 - Goshen 0
Arton 12 - New Brockton 6
Brantley 20 - Dozier 6
Clio 19 - Long 7
Louisville 18 - Coffee Springs 6
Highland Home 8 - Red Level 0
Houston Academy 28 - Zion Chapel 6
McKenzie 6 - Ft. Deposit 0

Alabama 24 - Mississippi 10
Auburn 27 - Arizona 21
Arkansas 4 - Utah St. 0
Baylor 24 - Houston 14
Texas 31 - Boston College 6
Georgia 48 - California 39
Tulane 21 - Cincinnati 14
Texas Tech 26 - Colorado 21
Illinois 20 - Iowa 13
Minnesota 14 - Indiana 3
Kansas 24 - Washington St. 13
L.S.U. 16 - Nebraska 14
Memphis St. 27 - F.S.U. 14
Michigan 40 - Wisconsin 0

Ohio St. 42 - Michigan St. 0
Florida 24 - N. Carolina 14
Notre Dame 20 - Pitt. 17
Oklahoma 42 - Vanderbilt 0
Penn St. 10 - Stanford 7
Tenn. A & M 17 - V.P.I. 13
Tennessee 20 - Duke 14
Georgia Tech. 10 - S. Carol. 8
Kentucky 19 - Oregon St. 7
Western Ky. 28 - Troy 21

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GENEVA PANTHERS SLOSH PAST TIGERS 17-0

The Geneva Panthers managed to push across 17 points Friday night in a driving rainstorm to defeat the Elba Tigers 17-0 in a regional game.

The win gives the Panthers a 2-0 record, while the loss evened Elba's slate at 1-1. Elba received the opening kick, and moved to the Geneva 48-yardline before losing a fumble. Geneva promptly marched down the field, and 10 plays later took a 7-0 lead. The touchdown came when Jimmy Messer blasted over from 9 yards out on a critical fourth down play. Jay Howell booted the extra point.

The Panthers' lead went to 14-0 in the second quarter on a six-yard scamper by Mike Stacey. The score came following a 65-yard drive. Geneva's final score was set up by a fumbled punt attempt by the Tigers' Russ Cash. The three-pointer came on a 35-yard field goal by Jay Howell.



Elba drove deep into Geneva territory late in the game, but time ran out with the Tigers inside the 15-yardline.

STATISTICS	
ELBA	GENEVA
1st downs	9
2nd downs	11
3rd downs	5
4th downs	1
Plays	31
Yards	169
Passes	3-6-0
Punts	37-5
Penalties	15

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ELBA JR.

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Aaron Tomlin, son of Enterprise Ledger reporter Dan Tomlin, tries to keep dry while Dad is busy watching game.

HOUSTON ACADEMY BLANKS KINSTON 35-0

The Kinston Bulldogs remained winless last week when they lost to the powerful Houston Academy Raiders 35-0.

The loss leaves Kinston with a 0-2 record, while the win ups the Raiders' chart to 2-0. Houston Academy received the opening kick, and needed only two plays to take a 7-0 lead. The touchdown came on a 68-yarddash by Clay Parrish. The Raiders' lead went to 14-0 midway through the first quarter when Norbert Wegmann bulldozed over from seven yards out.

Kinston couldn't mount any

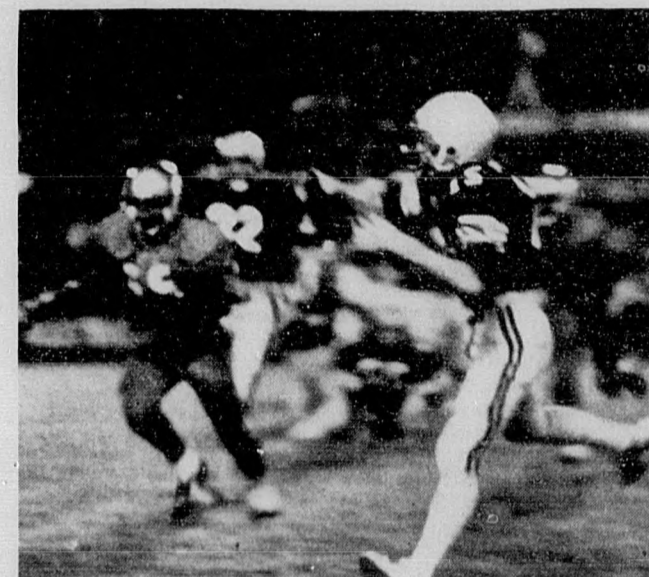
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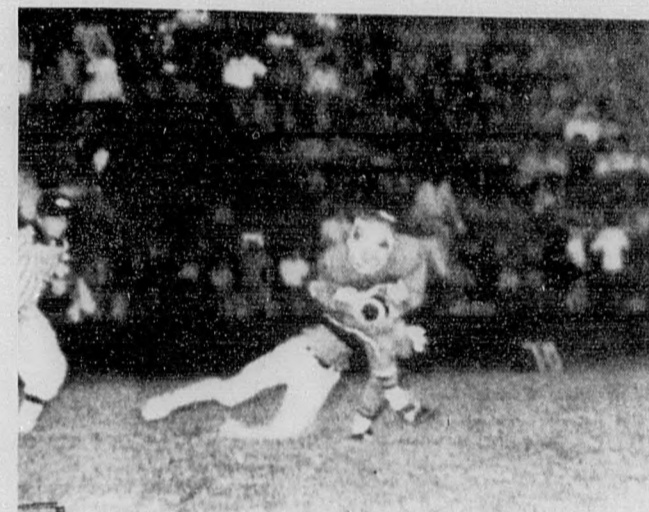
one period of action. Houston Academy added two touchdowns in the second quarter and owned a 28-0 bulge at the half. The scores came on a seven-yard scamper by Jeff Stephenson, and an eight-yard pass from Bobby Flowers to John Gambie.

Houston Academy scored on their initial possession of the third quarter to take a 35-0 advantage, and then emptied their bench for the remainder of the game.

The Bulldogs' next game is September 17 against McKenzie.



Geneva quarterback Jay Howell (15) ignores the rain, passes for 23-yard gain to Elba 11-yardline.



Elba quarterback Russ Cash is thrown for big loss.

No Relief In Sight For Winless Rebels

The victory drought at Zion Chapel has reached into its third week and there is no relief in sight!

In the opening two games the Rebels were defeated by New Brockton 14-0 and Louisville 26-0. This week the unbeaten and unscathed-on Houston Academy Raiders came to town, and it looks like the Rebels' drought will get worse.

The powerful Raiders opened the season with a stunning 3-0 win over Wicksburg, and last week romped over a much-improved Kinston squad 35-0. Houston Academy is led offensively by quarterback Bob Flowers, a flashy runner who rushed for over 900 yards in 1975. Other Raider aces are running backs Norbert Wegmann, Clay Parrish, Jeff Stephenson, and Mike Tucker.

Leading the stingy Raider defense are Tommy Ponder (170), Chuck Peek (180), Byrd Farmer (198), Bobby Moore (175), and Clay Parrish.

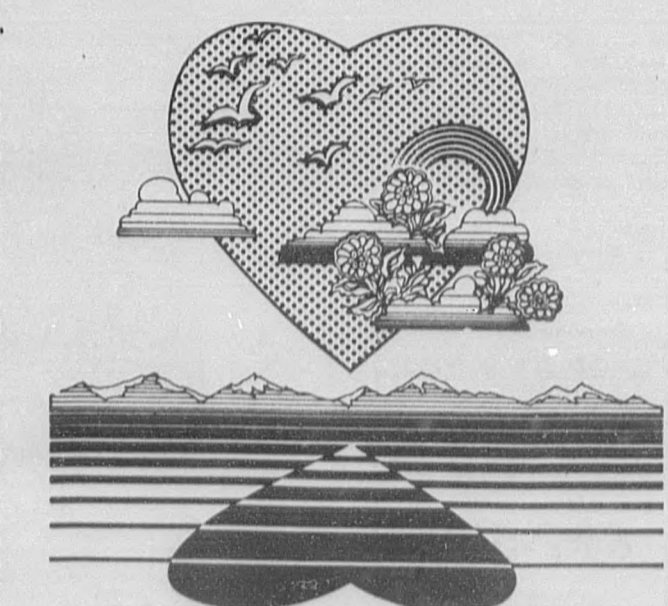
If the Rebels are to have a chance against Houston Academy, they must wake up their offense. Zion Chapel managed only two first downs last week, and has been ineffective in the opening losses. The Rebels have two capable running backs in Ralph Newsome and Rayvon Boyd, but the small Z.C. line hasn't been able to spring the speedsters. Coach John Sanders said before the season began that the Rebels would improve with experience. However, Sanders must be worrying about his team's lack of punch.

The Z.C. defense has proved to be gully, and is improving. The Rebel defenders could carry the only hopes for Zion Chapel until the offense gets cranked up!

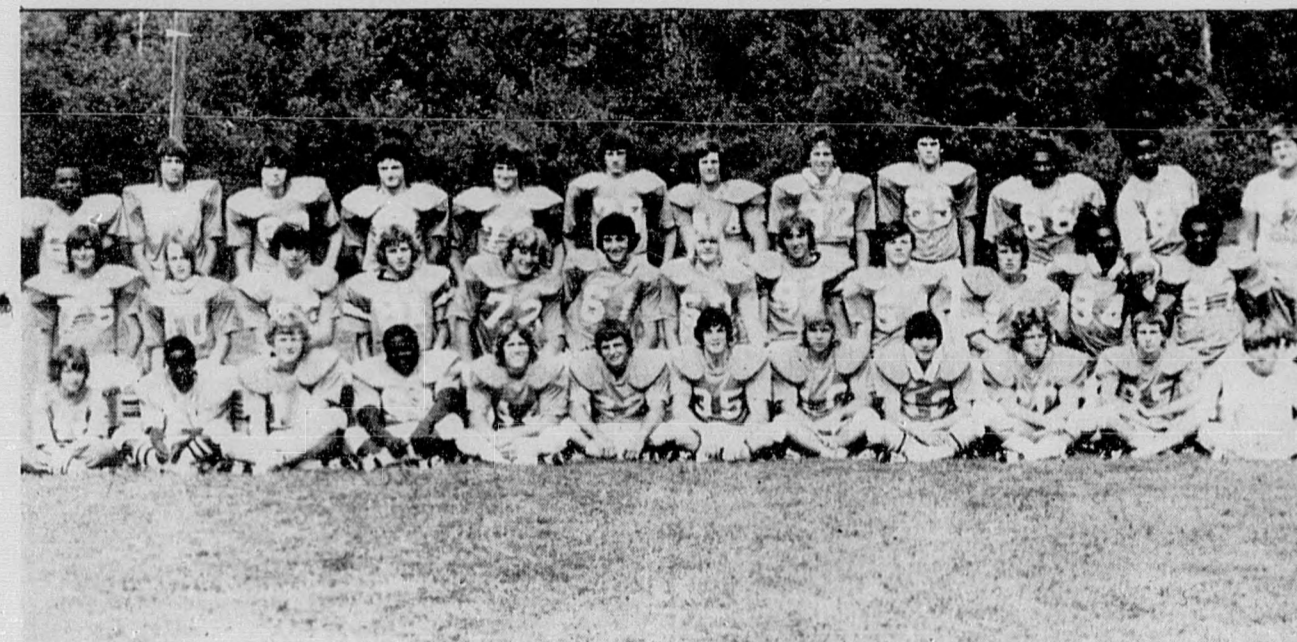
The Rebels are big underdogs this week, and the prospects for a win don't look good for at least another three weeks. After Houston Academy, Zion Chapel must face Clio, Long and Arton in successive weeks.

It might be a long, dry season at Zion Chapel!

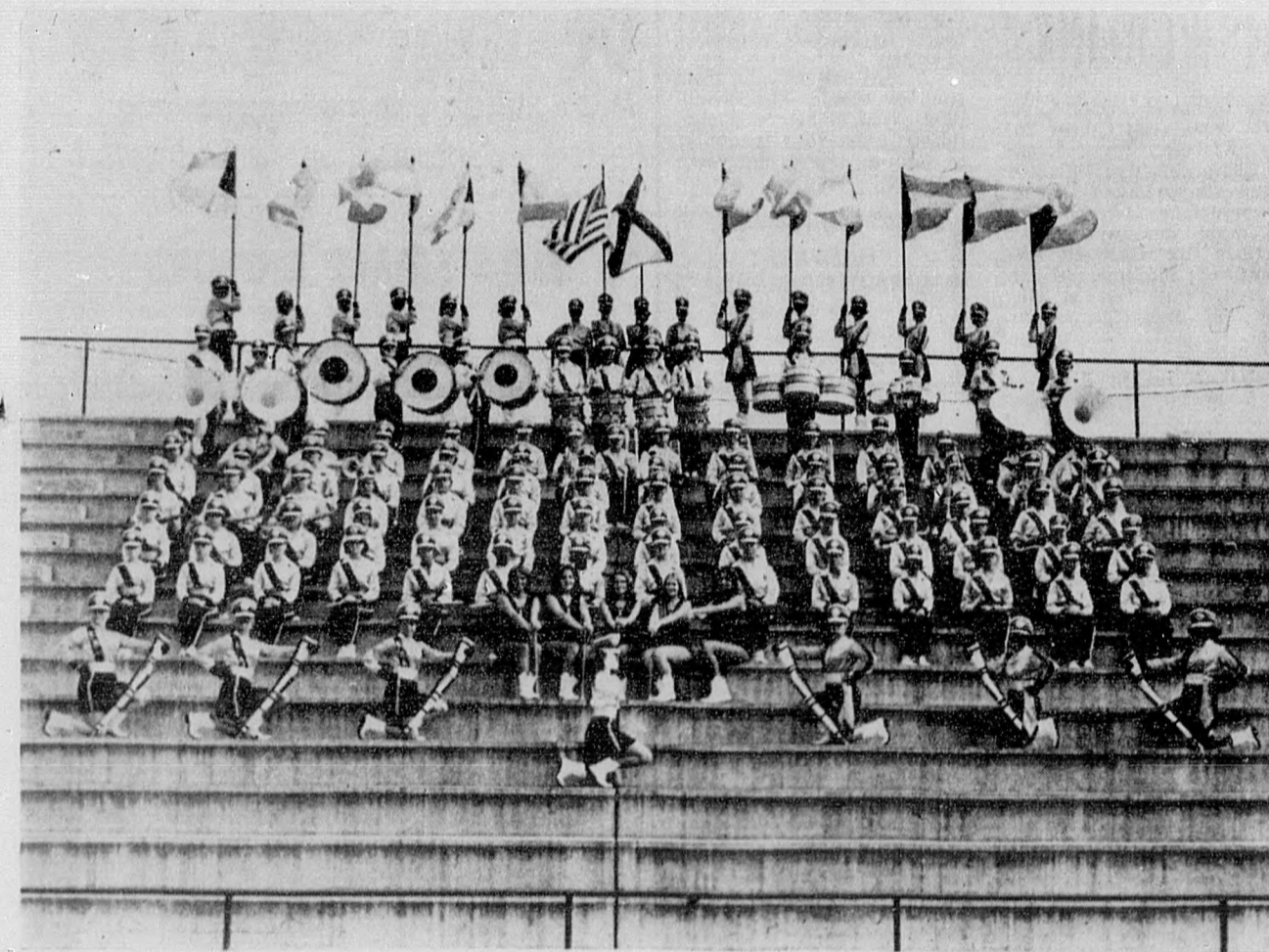
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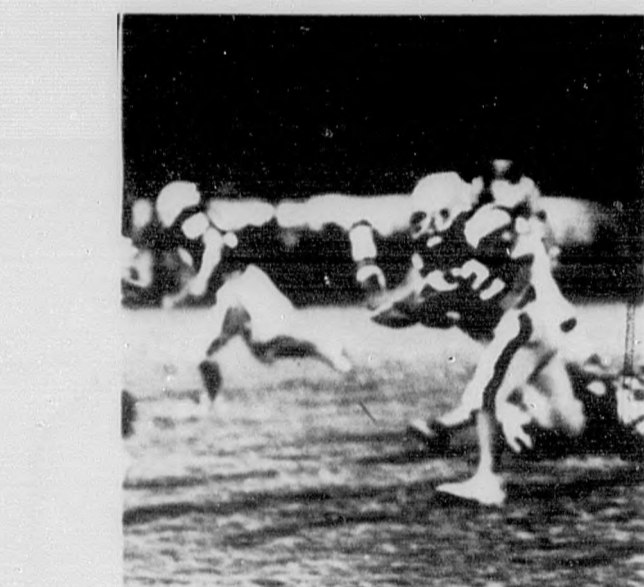
DOZIER AT BRANTLEY

Thursday 7:30 p.m.

KINSTON - OPEN DATE



Elba running back Larry Phillips drags would-be tackler as rain pours down in third quarter.



Panther running back Jimmy Messer sweeps leftside of Tiger line for big gain.



Players from both teams scramble on wet turf to recover loose ball. This fumble was only 1 of 15 which occurred during game.



Tiger back James Smith (30) finds rough going against Geneva defense.

Rebels Lose Again, Fall To Louisville 26-0

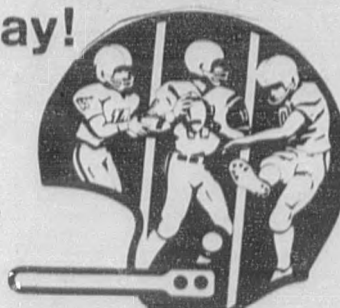
The Zion Chapel Rebels suffered their second straight shut-out last Friday night when they were blanked by the Louisville Red Devils, 26-0.

The Rebels' third tally came when Mickey Faircloth passed to Tim Curry for a 22-yard score. The final touchdown came on a 22-yard pass interception return by Baxley.

The Louisville offense rolled up 362 yards against the Rebels, while Zion Chapel managed only two first downs against the rugged Devil defense, by Baxley.

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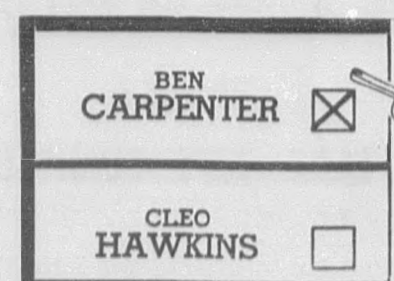
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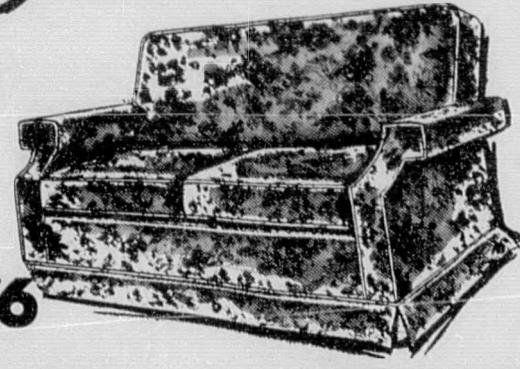
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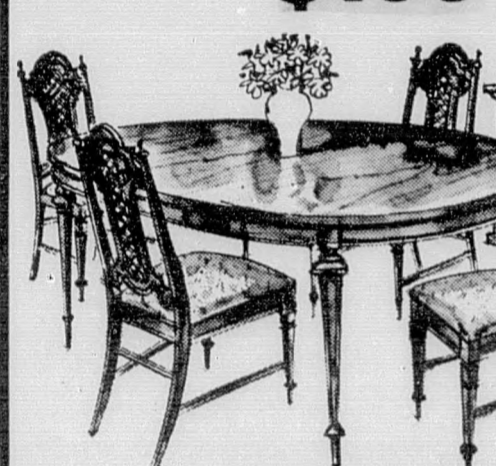
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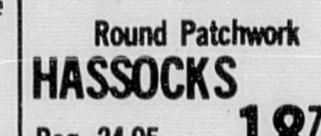
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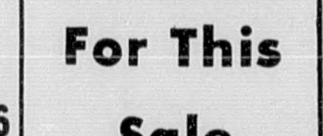
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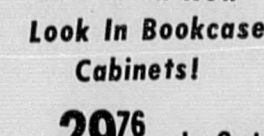
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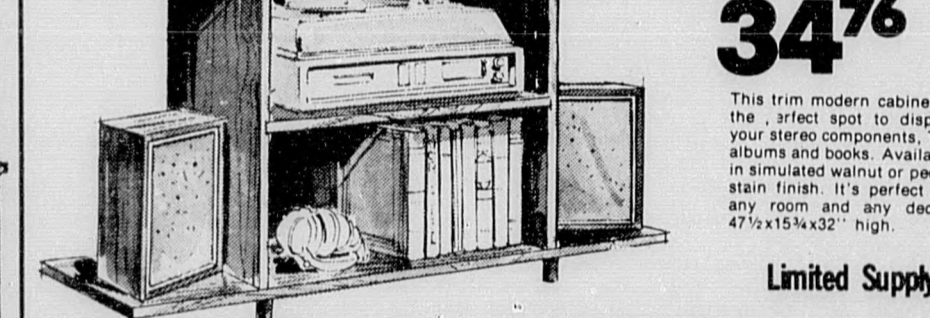
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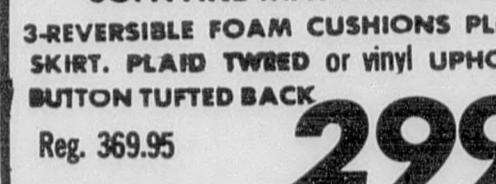
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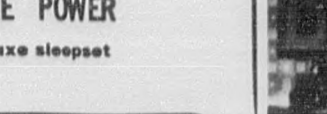
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THE ELBA CLIPPER SEPTEMBER 9, 1976

DEATHS

TWEED BELL HARRISON

Mr. Tweed Bell Harrison, 77, of Rt. 3, Elba, died September 1, 1976, in the Crenshaw County hospital.

Funeral services were held September 3, 1976 at 3:00 p.m. at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, with Rev. Charles Sunday officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two sons - Orell Harrison, Elba, and Pete Harrison, Phenix City, AL; four daughters - Mrs. Harry Martin, Hartford, AL; Mrs. Odie Henderson, Kingston, AL; Mrs. Donnie Hanks, Phenix City, AL; Mrs. Betty Smith, Elba; two brothers - Mansel Harrison, Elba, and O. D. Harrison, Phenix City, AL; one sister, Mrs. Myrtle O'Hearn, Waverly Hall, Ga.; 16 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren.

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The Little Miss Elba contest winners and their families. From left to right: Dottie Young, Linda Williams, Kim Farris, Davon Lowrey, Kaylon Nelson, Paula Donaldson, Vairie Crawford, Mary Boswell. Second row: Susan Farmer, Misty Whitehead, Camilla Blasi, Janna Westbrook, Pam Windham, Lori Clark, Jill Maddox, Daphne Odom, Sherry Parker. Third row: Melissa Trout, Julie Sullivan, Paige Morrow, Kim Kelley, Janet Owens, Pam Nolin, Tammy Burkett. Fourth row: Misty Marler, Shannon Elliot, Melanie Barnes, Karmy Killingsworth, Starla Henderson, Genea Brown, Nancy Simmons, Trina Fleming, Tracy Strickland.

Commission Votes 2 Jails, 2 Courthouses

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 13, at the Elba Courthouse, and voted to build two jails and two courthouses. The day's activities began at 10:00 a.m. when Mr. Joe Clark made an emotional plea for the Commission to fix the bridge which forced closure of a rural road. Mr. Clark said he was promised two years ago the bridge would be fixed, but no action has been taken. Commissioner O. V. Waters said, "The engineer has been authorized to do the job, and we will ask him this afternoon why the job hasn't been finished." (Note: The commissioners' action, nor did they inform the engineer of Mr. Clark's troubles.)

The fireworks began next when Enterprise attorney Joe Pittman came before the board. On behalf of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, I would like to address the Board concerning the jail, said Pittman. "I would like to remind the Commission on the law concerning the two jails and two courthouses. The Chamber of Commerce requests the Commission build a new courthouse and jail to adequately meet the needs of the majority of the people (Enterprise)." Pittman told the board, "there was not enough space available in the Enterprise courthouse, and there were no jail facilities at all. We ask you to consider priorities, and do first things first. We feel the Commission should make available jail facilities in the Enterprise division." Pittman re-stated several arguments he had earlier aired, and in closing said, "We urge the Commission to proceed with the grant, but not to choose a site until later. However, if the Board does pick a site, pick Enterprise."

Mayor Don Donaldson of Enterprise echoed Pittman's feelings. "We do request the Commission to move the courthouse and jail to Enterprise. City facilities aren't adequate to house both City and County prisoners," he said. "We want representation as well as litigation."

Commissioner O. V. Waters was next to speak, and he declared he was "in favor of the two courthouses and two jails. While we sit here and talk the courthouses will fall down around us," Pittman said it would take over 10,000 signatures to move the courthouse, and after a lengthy speech, the Enterprise attorney said, "The time has come in Coffee County for something to be done."

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Shooting Claims One Life



Shotgun lies on ground after shooting. Cox fell just below arrow. Shown in photo: arrow points to window Kelley shot from.

A shooting late Saturday night left Edmond Cox, age 37, dead with seven gunshot wounds, according to Sheriff Neil Grantham. Arrested and charged with first degree manslaughter following the shooting was Raymond Kelley, age 26, also of Elba.

The shooting occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Williams in the Newbia Community. Kelley was reportedly staying in the home at the time of the shooting.

According to witnesses, Cox approached the house after first calling on the telephone and arguing with Kelley, who was carrying a 12-gauge shotgun and at some time before he died, fired one shot through the front door of the frame house. Kelley reportedly was standing at the window of a bedroom looking out the front of the house. Officers said that Kelley fired seven shots from a 22 rifle through the window of the house, hitting Cox with all seven shots.

Coroner Marvin McIlwain, who pronounced Cox dead at the scene, said four of the shots hit the victim behind the left shoulder and three hit him in the front and right side of the head.

Sheriff's Investigator Ray Norris was the first law officer at the scene after the report of a shooting. He said he was summoned to the house and asked Kelley if he was armed. When Kelley responded that he still had the rifle, Norris said he put it down, which the man did immediately. Norris confiscated the weapon and placed Kelley under arrest.

Cox's wife and one small child were in their car on the highway in front of the house at the time officers arrived, and said she had driven her husband to the Williams home.

Helping Norris and Sheriff Neil Grantham with the investigation was Deputy Joe Spurlin.

Both the weapons were turned over to state investigators for ballistic test and other tests Mr. Williams told THE ELBA CLIPPER he was in the hall away from the living room when the shotgun blast entered the door. He said it sounded like shotgun pellets were hitting all around him, and he wished he was somewhere else. Mrs. Williams reportedly placed the call to law officers.

Electric Bills To Increase

The Elba Water and Electric Board, meeting Monday night was a routine meeting that ended with a vote for the electric utility users of Elba. At the close of the meeting, Chairman Charles Hayes read a letter from Alabama Electric Co-op informing Elba that as of October 1st the wholesale pooling rate for electricity will increase. Hayes noted that this increase is due to an increase in the cost of electricity purchased from Alabama Power Company. This rate is set by the Federal Power Commission in Washington. The Alabama Co-op challenged the rate hike and the beginning date was delayed from April to the October date, but apparently will be in effect on current bought after October 1.

In other business the Board approved payment for damage done in a home due to faulty power connections, and hired Polyengineering to plan for improvements in the present water system and long-range additions. The firm is also to handle the paper work on applying for state and federal grants for these projects.

Hayes presented the board members with information indicating that delinquent accounts totaled only \$180.89. Inactive accounts (meters paid) totaled \$482.68 with over half on one account and deposits not applied.

Donald Weeks submitted his resignation to the Board and said he would work until the first of the month. He is moving to Eufaula to accept other employment.

The Board was informed that work in adjusting the lights at the football field would be complete before Friday night's ball game.

Pick-Up Accident Hospitalizes Woman

A pickup truck accident on a curve near the Rothen Community in Northeast Coffee County about 3:45 a.m., according to residents of the area who heard the crash. Whitworth said the woman apparently lost control of the vehicle in the curve.

Firemen Fight Blaze

The Elba Fire Department answered a call early Thursday morning to a vacant house near the Taylor Farms on Rt. 2, Elba. The house is on a farm owned by Joe Clark. Clark said at the scene he had an electric fence box hooked up in the house, which may have caused the blaze.

The fire was reported by Bill Taylor who awoke at 5:00 a.m. to leave for Auburn on business. The house was a total loss, and Clark said the only items in the house of value were some items stored there by a friend.



OFFICIALS VIEW AREA SELECTED FOR JAIL SITE IN ELBA

Folsom Wins Mayor's Race In Elba

Robert Folsom realized a dream Tuesday night when the vote count revealed he had won election as mayor of Elba. Folsom has served on the Elba city council and has previously been a candidate for the office of mayor. He won the election by outpolling L. F. Iman by a vote of 744 to 673. Folsom read a letter from Alabama Electric Co-op informing Elba that as of October 1st the wholesale pooling rate for electricity will increase. Hayes noted that this increase is due to an increase in the cost of electricity purchased from Alabama Power Company. This rate is set by the Federal Power Commission in Washington. The Alabama Co-op challenged the rate hike and the beginning date was delayed from April to the October date, but apparently will be in effect on current bought after October 1.

Winner in the three council races still up for grabs were Mike Russell, James J. Wise, Jr. and Cleo Hawkins. In the first primary John W. Sharpless won without a run off and D. M. English was declared winner when Ray Trammell declined to run off the race. Coleman didn't seek a full four-year term and Sharpless was returned to office in the first primary by a clear majority.



The race for Place #2